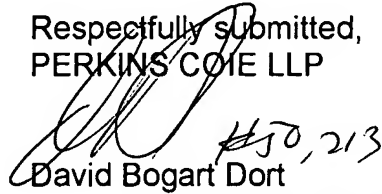


REMARKS

A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone or in-person conference would expedite resolution of the patentability issues in this proceeding, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at the contacts listed below.

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